



MARICOPA COUNTY COMMUNITY ASSESSMENTS

KEY INFORMATION FROM MULTIPLE COUNTY ASSESSMENTS

08/12/21

KEY TOPICS AND AGENDA

- Discuss the primary unmet needs in the County and give an overview of each
- Discuss provider recommendations from the Community Assessments
- Show how Maricopa County is working to address these issues



WHAT ARE THE MAIN ISSUES ACROSS MARICOPA COUNTY

Top 5 Critical Unmet Needs

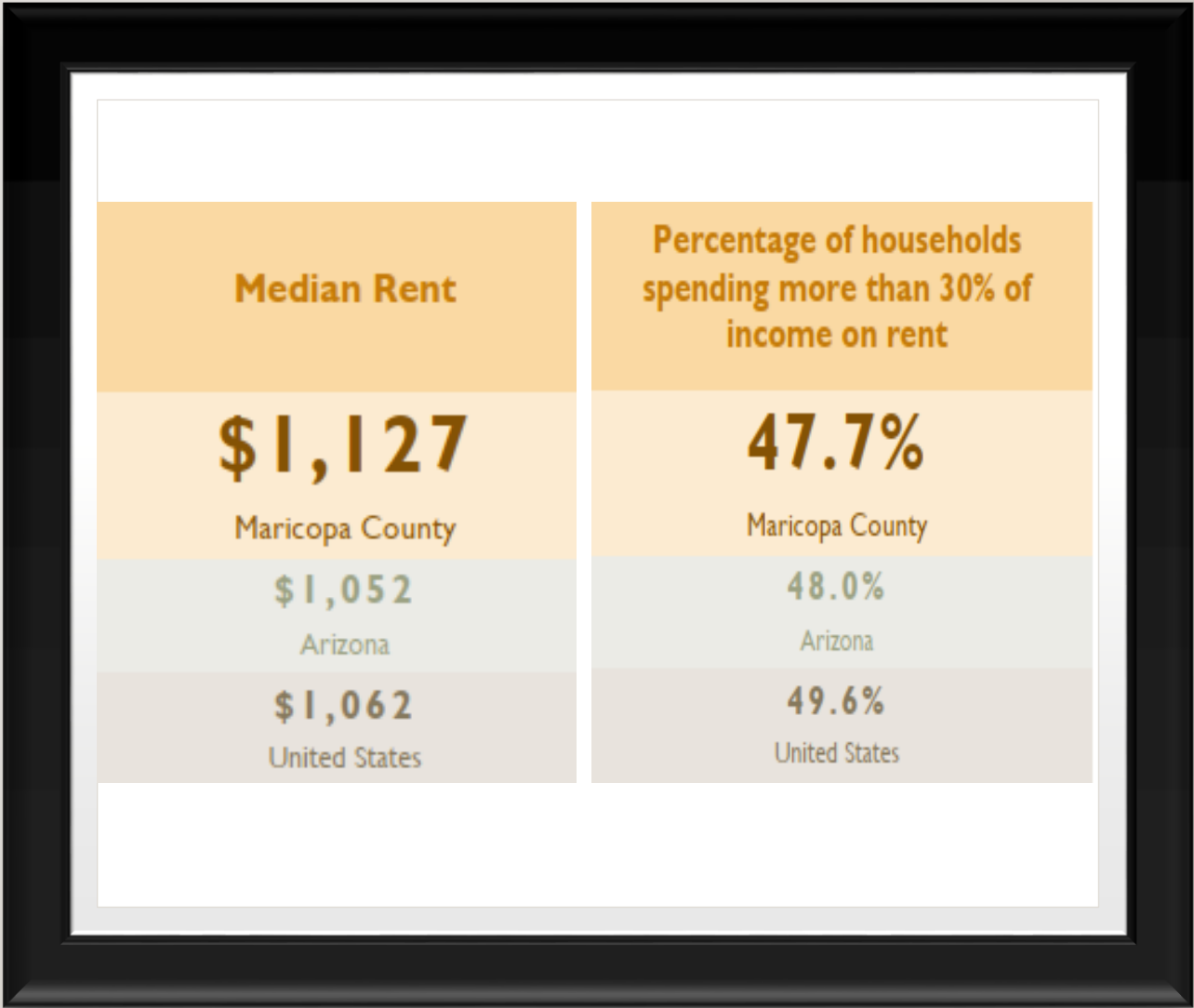
- Housing Support
- Food Support
- Mental Health Care and Substance Abuse Treatment
- Childcare Support
- Employment support



HOUSING RENTAL COST BURDEN

Most unmet need with nearly half of the renter households in Maricopa County being cost burdened

Monthly Rent (\$)	Efficiency (no bedroom)	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
Fair Market Rent	684	815	1,013	1,474	1,697
High HOME Rent	684	815	1,013	1,209	1,329
Low HOME Rent	605	648	777	898	1,002





FOOD SECURITY

2nd most critical unmet need with nearly 2/3 of eligible households not receiving SNAP.

However, most surveyed households indicated no difficulties accessing food support

Demand overall has increased due to COVID-19





MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

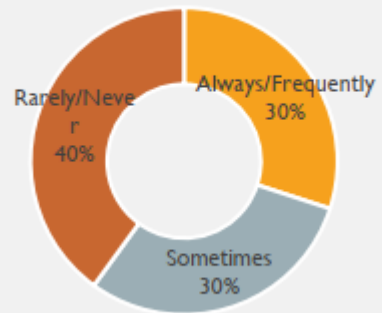
Ratio of population to mental health providers in 2018 was:

700 to 1 in Maricopa County

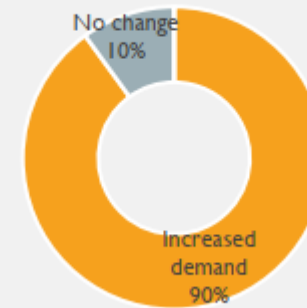
Compared to 270 to 1 in U.S. areas with the highest access.

Lack of providers and increase in demand has made the issue worse

Waitlist or Turn Away Clients



Impact of COVID on Demand



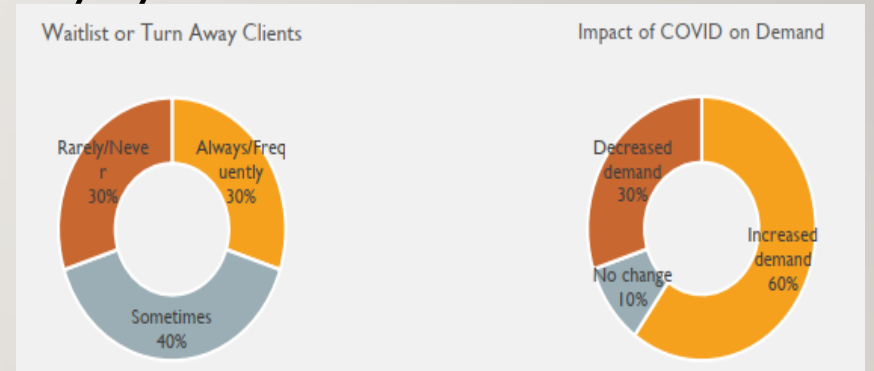


CHILDCARE SUPPORT

- Aggregate State level capacity matches demand but this match varies greatly by location
- Multiple Childcare Deserts, particularly in rural areas

What Does Child Care Support Cost?

- Center-based infant care: \$11,017 per year
- Preschool costs range:
 - \$7,060 in family childcare home
 - \$8,881 in center-based facility

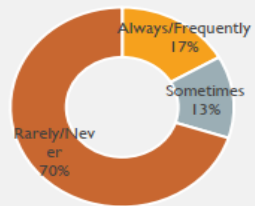




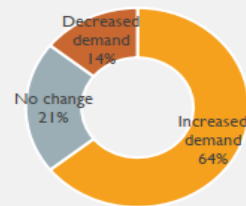
EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

Employment is an ongoing need made much worse by COVID

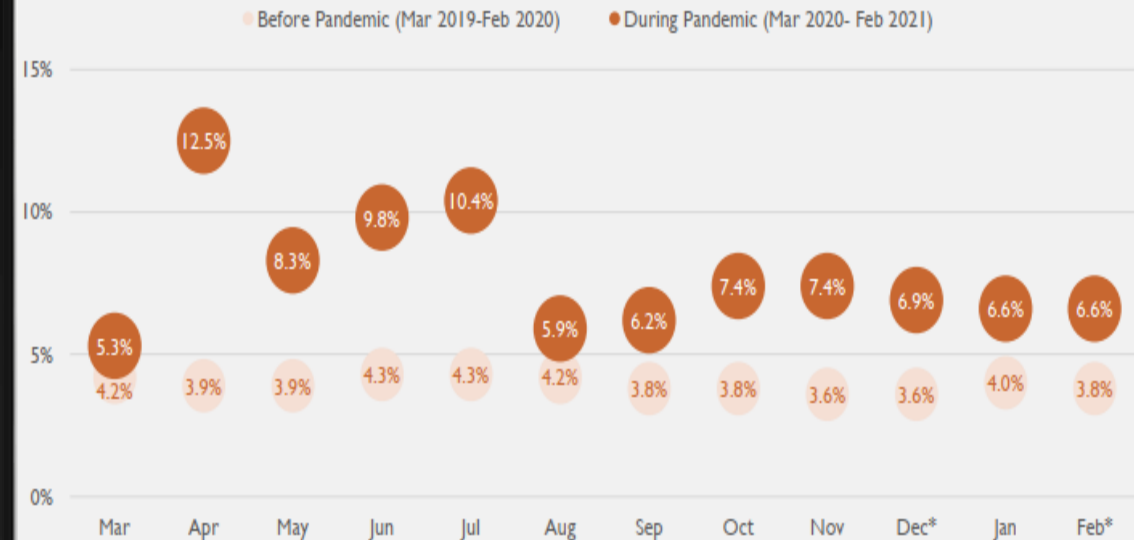
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Unemployment Pre-Covid and During Covid



OTHER NOTED HIGH PRIORITY ISSUES: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Arizona has a higher rate of domestic violence than the U.S.

Nearly 1/3 of domestic violence in the State occurs in Maricopa County

Maricopa County Domestic Violence Services Fund Report SFY 2018										
	Emergency Shelter			Transitional Housing			Mobile Advocacy			Housing Intervention
	Adults	Children	Bed Nights	Adults	Children	Bed Nights	Adults	Children	Units	Households
Maricopa County	1,022 (30%)	1,196 (44%)	129,023 (51%)	74 (65%)	132 (65%)	42,056 (48%)	9,948 (47%)	323 (33%)	32,551 (46%)	60 (40%)
Arizona	3,396	2742	252,806	114	194	87,896	21,307	986	71,387	151



ASSESSMENT RECOMMENDATIONS AND COUNTY RESPONSE

HOUSING AND UTILITIES

- Intervene in the eviction process
- Invest in continuum of care from eviction prevention to long-term housing.
- Rapid rehousing services
- Maintain utility assistance

COUNTY RESPONSE SO FAR

- Over \$125 million in emergency rental and utility assistance funding through CARES and American Rescue Plan Act
- More than \$2.6 million in eviction prevention services (legal & navigation)
- Nearly \$5 million for landlord engagement
- \$30 million set aside for more affordable housing
- \$4 million set aside for rapid rehousing



ASSESSMENT RECOMMENDATIONS AND COUNTY RESPONSE

FOOD AND NUTRITION

- Continue funding food support and increase SNAP participation such as:
 - Targeted outreach to groups with low participation
 - Analyze & implement approaches to increase participation
- Provide more info to support residents on eating healthy at lower cost

COUNTY RESPONSE SO FAR

- \$3 million awarded to Arizona Food Bank Network to provide more food County-wide
 - Some of these monies will be used to develop a detailed analysis of food insecurity



PROVIDER RECOMMENDATIONS AND COUNTY RESPONSE

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

- Increase the behavioral healthcare system's capacity across the continuum of prevention, response, stabilization, and transition back to the community

COUNTY RESPONSE SO FAR

- PH plans to conduct a Behavioral Health Community Needs Assessment to determine the best approaches and target areas
- Nearly \$20 million set aside by PHS to address behavioral health services gaps
- HSD funded for a Mental Health Liaison position



PROVIDER RECOMMENDATIONS AND COUNTY RESPONSE

EMPLOYMENT AND CHILDCARE

- Increase workforce development coordination across workforce providers to support employer relationships and enhanced client access/navigation
- Develop approaches to obtain and maintain skills for higher paying jobs such as work experience and apprenticeships
- Increase access to high quality early care and education for children, particularly in lower income households and childcare deserts

COUNTY RESPONSE SO FAR

- More than \$25 million in federal grant monies set aside for workforce and employment support
- \$1 million to be used to increase childcare hours for more at Head Start and Early Head Start locations
- Plans to further improve Head Start and Early Head start services through Child Care Stabilization Grants

COUNTY RESPONSE TO OTHER CRITICAL ISSUES: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- \$15 million to Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence
 - Shelters
 - Community-based services
 - Legal aid
 - Financial aid
 - Funding gaps for providers

QUESTIONS?